

REMARKSSpecies Elections

The Examiner has required a species election to one of the following species for the agent administered in combination with Rapamycin, selected from:

- A) B7-1 specific antibody,
- B) B7-2-specific antibody, or
- C) B7-1- and B7-2-specific antibodies.

Applicants elect *species C) B7-1- and B7-2-specific antibodies*. Currently, Claims 1-13 are readable on this species.

The Examiner has further required a species election to one of the following species for the performance of the claimed method, selected from:

- A) *ex vivo*, or
- B) *in vivo*.

Applicants elect *species B) in vivo*. Currently, Claims 1, 2, and 4-13 are readable on this species.

The Examiner has further required a species to one of the following species for the targeted immune response selected from the group set forth on page 41, paragraph 1 of the application.

Applicants elect the *species of systemic lupus erythematosus*. Currently, Claims 1-13 are readable on this species.

With respect to the elected species, it is the Applicants understanding that this election is for searching purposes only and upon allowance of the elected claims, the generic claims also will be searched and Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings filed with this application. Applicants respectfully point out that this objection seems to be an error, since there were no drawings submitted with this application.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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